

# IN THE ROPED ARENA--YACHTSMEN PREPARING FOR A BUSY SEASON

## DEMPSEY TRAINS CAREFULLY FOR TITLE CONTEST

Champion Intent on Building Himself Up Previous to Hard Work.

REMINDER OF CORBETT

Secretary Rubien Insists That

A. A. U. Is Free of Commercial Taint.

By CHARLES F. MATHISON.

Jack Dempsey appears to be taking a leaf from the book of Jim Corbett in the matter of preparing for his combat with Carpenter July 2. The champion is attempting to build up before beginning intensive training.

However, Dempsey will not face so formidable an opponent as Corbett did when the latter met Jim Jeffries at Coney Island, and the task of the present title holder should not be so difficult. It is to be hoped that Dempsey will not have the same painful experience that Corbett did with victory within his grasp, the Californian collapsed in the twenty-third round, due to the fast pace he had travelled after losing the title to Fitzsimmons, and the lumbering, non-aggressive Jeffries retained the championship.

It was particularly galling to Corbett to lose that battle, for he had devoted five months to careful preparation. He went to Lakewood and for three months did little except keep in the open air. His rest, however, played a great part in his recovery.

He built himself up physically and then began hard work, at the conclusion of which he apparently was in good condition. Yet he looked a bit drawn and carried less weight than ever before in a title bout. For twenty-two rounds he danced about the shaggy boxer, jabbing and hooking him without the slightest trouble. Then in the twenty-third round Corbett's depleted vitality deserted him completely and Jeffries, who had been outpointed one thousand to zero, put over the winning punch.

It does not follow that Dempsey is in the condition that Corbett was when the latter began to train, but the champion's appearance at the time of his contest with Brennan indicated that he was far below his form at Toledo.

At the same time it is good judgment on the part of Dempsey to build up a bit before starting in on the hard work of the training camp.

His exact condition will not be known till he settles down to the hard work of conditioning, and if he comes through this ordeal in good form there is small reason to fear that he will not prevail over the Frenchman.

Technical Knockout.

The misleading phrase "technical knockout" is again being worked over by the ring boys of the ring. This is due to the fact that many writers are under the impression that a boxer is not "knocked out" unless senseless from the effects of a blow.

This is decidedly erroneous, as some of the most notable knockouts in the history of the ring were not accompanied by unconsciousness on the part of the victims.

John L. Sullivan, who was beaten to the ring floor by Corbett, was entirely conscious, but was knocked out.

Corbett, who was knocked out by Fitz, was trying to pull himself up on the ring ropes at the time he was counted out.

Joe Chynoweth was sitting in his corner, unable to answer the bell for the fifth round of his bout with McCoy and was declared the loser. He was knocked out.

There are innumerable instances of a similar nature, going to prove the absurdity of the phrase "technical knockout."

Others insist that a boxer is not knocked out unless counted out by the referee. Freddie Welsh was hanging helpless on the ropes when the referee counted the knockdown, but the referee's decision was based on the fact that the boxer had been knocked out by the referee's decision.

The term "technical knockout" is due to a quite general misapprehension as to the origin of the phrase. It comes down from the days of the London ring, when boxers had but a half minute's rest between rounds. At the end of the half minute the referee called "time."

If either contestant failed to toe the scratch in the center of the ring within eight seconds after the call of time the referee declared the boxer "knocked out," and if one of the contestants failed to toe the scratch in the center of the ring within eight seconds after the call of time the referee declared the boxer "knocked out."

Knocked Out of Time.

It can be readily understood that the term did not mean knocked senseless but simply out of time. Under London rules a round ended when one or both men went to the turf either from blows or wrestling, and if one of the contestants had been so severely punished that he failed to revive in time to answer the call of time he had been out of time.

Under Queensberry and later boxing rules no allowance is made for additional time after the bell sounds for the beginning of a round, but contestants have ten seconds in which to resume boxing after a knockdown or a fall from weakness. If he fails to do so he loses the bout, and in the records it is not down as a knockout. The various conditions under which a knockout can be achieved are as follows:

1. If a boxer who is down from a blow or weakness fails to resume boxing within ten seconds after the bell sounds.

2. If the referee stops a bout in which one of the contestants is helpless and unable to defend himself.

3. If the seconds of a boxer toss a sponge or towel in acknowledgment of defeat.

4. If one of the contestants breaks a bone or is otherwise so seriously injured that he cannot continue.

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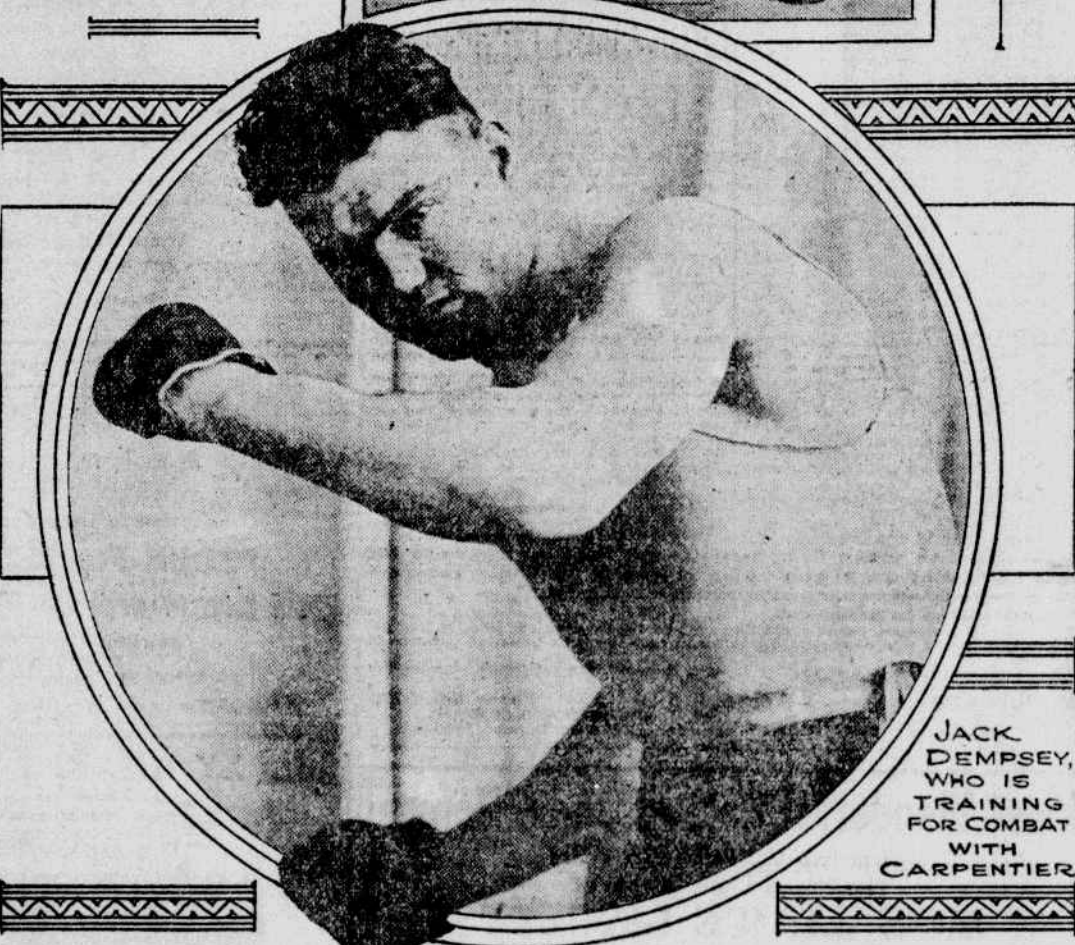
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## NAVY LACROSSE TEAM SWAMPS SWARTHMORE

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 30.—The midshipmen played the finest lacrosse of the season against Swarthmore here this afternoon, winning by 15 to 6. The Navy players had a grade of team play which was far above their previous performances, the passing of Eberly and Shaw being particularly notable. This, with greater speed and stamina, made a fast scoring combination.

The Lacrosse Club will open officially the first or second Saturday in June. A most of the yachts owned by the members are of class designs eligible for the interclub races. The Larchmont Club will hold no private races.

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A protest against the Dempsey-Carpentier fight to be held in Jersey City on July 2 has been sent to the Mayor and Chamber of Commerce of that city by a committee of the Clergyman's Community Club of Jersey City.

After mentioning the deaths due to boxing bouts in New Jersey since the Hurley boxing law went into effect three years ago, the protest said that while clean athletic sports, including amateur boxing matches, are to be favored, prize-fights are brutal in character and countering in influence.

Mayor Hague said that he had not received the protest and would not comment on it.

MILLES DEFEATS JAURNEE.

PARIS, April 30.—The French fighter, MILLES, who is to accompany Georges Carpentier to the United States, retained the title of heavyweight champion of France to-night against Paul Journee.

The bout was scheduled for twenty rounds, but Carpentier, who acted as referee, stopped it after ten rounds owing to the marked superiority of Milles.

WINS JUNIOR FOILS EVENT.

In a field of thirty contestants John Hertry of the Peddie Institute of Hightstown, N. J., won the invitation junior fencing tournament for the Hammond prize at the New York Turnover last night.

After a long elimination series he met Angelo Sellar of Xavier Prep, recent winner of the national junior foil title, in the first round, and earned two out of three bouts, losing the first, 5 touches to 2, and taking the next two, 5 to 4 and 5 to 1.

ARMY LOSES AT NETS.

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WASH. POST, April 30.—Army lost to Swarthmore at tennis to-day, the collegians capturing every one of the five games played in the singles. The doubles were started, but for tactical play before a decision had been reached.

NASSAU MEN SHOOT WELL.

E. A. Guenther and J. H. Hendrickson were tied for the high scratch prize over the Nassau trap at the Nassau Trapshooting Club yesterday. Each had 45 out of a possible 50 targets.

## Local Yacht Clubs Plan Busiest Season in Years

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By FRANK L. CURTIS.

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Atlantic Yacht Club Schedule.

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Throughout the season the Atlantic Yacht Club and the other members of the Gravesend Bay Yacht Racing Association, the Brooklyn Yacht Club, Pilgrim Yacht Club, Marine and Field Club, Bensonhurst Yacht Club and the yachting department of the Crescent Athletic Club, will race Saturdays and Sundays over new courses varying from eight to twenty-four miles.

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